

THOUSANDS GATHERING TODAY IN MT. VERNON TO WELCOME VETERANS OF A GREAT WAR

One Of The Greatest Parades In The History Of The City Is Given In The Morning With Several Thousand Men In The Line; Streets Are Crowded With People And A Great Tribute Is Paid To The Men Who Were Engaged In The Great World Conflict.

Lieut. Colonel Ralph D. Cole Arrives In The City This Morning And Will Deliver The Oration Of The Day At Riverside Park This Afternoon; Big Picnic Dinner Occurs At The Noon Hour; Band Concerts, Dancing, Sports And Other Events Scheduled.

By WILLIAM GRAEBE POWERS.

One hundred and forty-three years ago today, our forefathers stood silently before Independence Hall in Philadelphia awaiting those sweet reverberating tones of the bell, which would proclaim to them, that Freedom, which, next to God, is the most cherished ideal a man can have, would be theirs and ours.

They warned us to guard it with our lives and should the Serpent of Tyranny again raise his head to steal it from us, we should kill him as did our forefathers, even if many died from the poisonous sting of the serpent, as did many of our forefathers.

Today, with heads erect, we can conscientiously say that we have done the bidding of our ancestors and have once more killed the serpent which would have torn our precious freedom and liberty from us.

With but one thought, one idea, prevailing in their minds, a huge, gigantic, ever-increasing throng of people, crowded into this city today to pay homage, tribute, and honor to the men who so carefully guarded and fought for the ideals and teachings of our forefathers.

It was "Welcome Home Day" in this city today, for the boys from Knox county, who so willingly offered their lives, as did our ancestors in order that the future generations might enjoy liberty and freedom, as we do today.

It was not just a welcome home that the boys were given here today, but a tribute, a lasting tribute that brought tears to the eyes of the sturdy warriors and one which they will remember as long as they live.

CROWD ARRIVES EARLY

Early this morning, as the same sun which looked down upon our forefathers, 143 years ago, looked down upon this great nation, a scene of great activity was discernible.

Never before in the history of Mt. Vernon was there ever such an enormous crowd as there was in the city today. Throngs and throngs of people filled the streets, jostling and crowding one another in a good natured, neighborly manner.

Every highway and road in the county leading to this city was packed and crowded from early morn until late in the afternoon with automobiles, wagons and buggies, filled with persons headed for Mt. Vernon, where they could do their bit in paying homage and reverence to the men who fought, bled and died for their country, and gave us victory and liberty.

From every nook and corner in the county, the crowd came, bringing their lunches packed in baskets, boxes and every conceivable container. Many persons who seldom leave their farms the year round arrived early in the morning and were prepared to stay until late in the evening.

NO STRANGERS

There were no strangers. Everybody spoke to everybody else, for everybody met on a common ground today. The resident of the extreme eastern end of the county shook hands with those living in the extreme western end and exchanged greetings.

As the veterans of the world war marched by in the parade the rich man stood shoulder to shoulder with the poor man, and paid tribute with bared, bowed heads to the conquering heroes.

It was a remarkable celebration from beginning to end and one which will live forever in the memories of those who witnessed it.

FEELING OF REVERENCE

While it was the intention of the Welcome Home Day celebration committee to encourage everyone to be merry and enjoy themselves, a feeling of reverence prevailed.

Everyone felt that they were not gathered together merely to celebrate and enjoy themselves, but to pay homage and honor to the men who willingly offered their lives and went through hell, to the very brink of the great beyond, in order to save us from the crushing heel of the tyrant.

The great throng remembered that there were many mothers in the vast

assembly who could see only the spirit of their brave boys as the khaki-clad heroes marched by.

It remembered that there were other mothers there who silently wept at their sons, some perhaps armless, or without a leg, hobbled along—all a part of the cost of freedom.

The sacrifice was perhaps priceless and it was for that, and that reason alone, that the great vast crowd had gathered.

CITY IN HOLIDAY ATTIRE

The city was in its gala day attire. Everywhere Welcome Home signs, American flags and streamers greeted the eye. Buildings were gaily decorated.

The public square was a kaleidoscope of colors. Flags of all nations, mingled with the green trees and grass of the park and the gaily decorated buildings, gave an enchanted appearance to the entire view.

The great masses of people who crowded the square appeared from a distance to be great waves of many colors rolling slowly back and forth. The brilliant colors of the dresses of the women, intermingled with the army khaki and the navy blue all served to make the spectacle more brilliant.

NOTHING MARS CELEBRATION

There was nothing to mar the brilliancy of the day. From early morn until late in the afternoon the sun shone bright and there was not a cloud in the sky throughout the entire day.

The speeches, entertainments, amusements and tributes to the boys were carried out as planned. The celebration started with a gigantic parade composed of four divisions.

Almost every boy who served from Knox county marched and received the cheering plaudits of thousands of persons who lined the streets over which the parade moved.

HEADINGTON LEADS MEN

Captain Julius W. Headington, who made such a wonderful record as a soldier during the war, headed the world war veterans.

His sharp commands, as the veterans marched over the streets, recalled the days when the boys were leaving for places unknown, not knowing whether they would come back, but willing to lay down their lives gladly if necessary in order to insure freedom for their mothers, wives, sweethearts, and the future generations.

This impression, however, lasted

but an instance, for the cheering thousands and the Welcome Home signs quickly swept it aside.

It was a glorious day for the Civil war veterans and the Spanish-American War Veterans. The ranks of the former are growing thinner every year and many knew that perhaps next year they would not be able to take part in any earthly celebration.

They did know, however, that the grim reaper had allowed them to take part in celebrating the greatest 4th of July this country has ever known, and they were thankful for it.

It was probably because of this fact that, headed by a wonderful drum corps they stepped out with that quick, snappy, soldier-like step, as though they were on their way to battle, in the days of '61 and '98.

The rattle-tat-tat of the drum and the shrill tones of the fife sent a queer feeling through the crowds and they burst into cheers as the veterans came into view.

As early as 8:30 o'clock the participants in the parade began to gather at their respective places, so as to be ready when the order for the parade to move was given by Grand Marshal Fred J. Lawler.

THE PARADE MOVES

Promptly at 10:30 o'clock the order was given and the monstrous line moved.

The first division, which formed on South Norton street, headed by Marshall Harry Patterson, swung out on to West High street and started east. With heads erect and the colors fluttering in the breeze, the color-bearer marched proudly behind the marshal.

The city police force with Chief of Police Parker at the head led the general Welcome Home Day celebration committee, which had arranged the event.

Then came the drum corps, which headed the G. A. R. veterans and the Spanish-American War Veterans. It was a wonderful sight, as the old veterans marched with colors flying and heads erect. Several of the veterans were unable to march the entire distance of the parade and were hauled in automobiles, much to their sorrow, for they longed to be in step with their comrades.

It was a proud day for Mayor Bair, who was the principal organizer of the Welcome Home Day celebration. The mayor rode in an automobile with Lieut.-Col. Ralph D. Cole, chief speaker of the day.

Following the mayor and Mr. Cole, came Cincione's famous band of 25 pieces, leading the veterans of the great war. Headed by the famous band the young vets commanded by Capt. Julius W. Headington brought tumultuous cheers and cries from the crowds. Everywhere along the line of march, the din sent up by the great multitude almost drowned out the music of the band directly in front of the warriors.

Immediately in back of the world war vets came the Red Cross women clad in their blue dresses and red crosses on their arms. The sight of the khaki clad warriors followed by the Red Cross nurses, as they were on the battlefields, was very pretty.

SECOND DIVISION STARTS

As the end of the first division passed across West street, the second division which had formed on The second division was led by Daniel Grosscup, who acted as marshal and the Seventh Regiment band. South West street swung in behind the first division.

This division was composed entirely of labor organizations, which marched in the following order:

Boiler Makers Union.
R. B. C. of A.
R. R. Clerks Union.
Barbers Union.
Structural Iron Workers Union.
I. F. of M.
Flint Glass Workers Union.
G. B. B. A. Union.
Typographical Union.
Musicians Union.
Iron Molders Union.
Carpenters Union.
Plumbers.
A. W. Glass Workers Union.
Blacksmiths Union.

Many of the organizations were represented by beautiful floats which added to the picturesqueness of the day.

THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISIONS

The third division fell in the parade at Sandusky street and was followed immediately by the fourth division. The third division was composed of various fraternal organizations. It was led by the Centerburg band and Col. L. G. Hunt, who is a member of the G. A. R.

The U. R. K. of P. came first with Timon lodge of the K. of P. immediately after, with the Masons, Elks, K. of C., Eagles, Moose, Red Men, the Odd Fellows, and Woodmen of the World following.

All of the organizations made a splendid showing, having large floats in the parade and being dressed in costumes for the occasion.

The fourth division was in charge of Fred Farrison and was led by Garfield Snow's Silver Cornet band of 14 pieces. The feature of the division was the Red Cross float, though all the other floats in the parade were beautiful.

After reaching the public square the parade turned south on Main street to Gambier and then east on Gambier to Park street, north on Park to High and west on High to Riverside park.

ENTHUSIASM AT RIVERSIDE

All along the line of march the heroes and veterans were greeted with a multitude of cheers, but it was at Riverside park that the climax was reached.

As most of the events were to take place in the park, a great mass of people had gathered there. As the marchers came into view and turned into the park entrance, a mighty shout went up, followed by cheer after cheer. The welcome that was given the boys was wonderful and lasted for fully ten minutes.

At the Banner's press hour practically everybody was gathering at Riverside park, for the picnic dinner.

Beginning at 1:30 o'clock the Seventh Regiment band will give a half-hour concert, which will be followed by a patriotic address by Lieut. Col. R. D. Cole. Following his address, the Seventh Regiment band will give another concert, which will last until 2:15. At this time a ball game will be played at Athletic park between the Artillery and Infantry.

During the game daylight fireworks and acrobatic stunts will be exhibited and field sports will be held at Riverside park.

BANNER TO GIVE RETURNS

On the public square, beginning at 3 o'clock, The Banner will announce, round by round, the returns of the Willard-Dempsey championship bout for the world's heavyweight title.

Immediately after this attraction, Cincione's famous band will give a concert on the public square. The bandstand will be erected on the veranda of the Hotel Curtis.

Another concert will be given at 7 o'clock on the square and at 8:30 a Mardi Gras parade will be held on Main street. At 9 o'clock fireworks will be displayed on the public square and from then until midnight, Mardi Gras dancing will take place on West Gambier street.

A special preparation of pumice stone has been placed on the brick paving, making it very smooth and suitable for dancing.

HANDS ARE BURNED BY BIG FIRECRACKER

Martin Spohn of West Sugar street had his hands badly burned while attempting to light a large firecracker Friday afternoon. He was attended by a physician.

COW EATS CLOTHING OF FAIR SWIMMER

Details of a True Story Enacted In Our City On Fourth of July

Sent Home in A Barrel

The Trials and Tribulations of a Girl Reporter

A three act motion picture scenario, filled with comedy, mirth and laughter.

Scene 1—The Kokosing river, above Riverside park.

Girl dons bathing suit in the tall timbers. Makes motions with her hands that she is going in bathing. Smiles, as she takes off her brand new Fourth of July clothes.

Scene 2—Gentle old cow, eating grass, in field.

Scene 3—Girl enters the water and has a great time splashing about.

Scene 4—Cow comes nearer to her

clothes. It starts to devour a beautiful straw hat. Following the hat, two silk stockings disappear.

(That part of women's wearing apparel, which men are not supposed to know anything about, have been cut out by the censor just as the cow was devouring them.)

Scene 5—Girl indicates that she has finished bathing and starts to the spot where her clothes are.

Scene 6—She arrives on the scene just as the cow is devouring her dress. She makes a mad rush for the cow, but arrives too late. With one last gulp the arm of her dress disappears down the cows mouth. Maiden is stupefied. Shows anguish.

Scene 7—Maiden is shown going home in a barrel.

BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Conard McLarnan, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. W. McLarnan of N. Sandusky street, was struck by an automobile Thursday evening and was thrown to the pavement. He sustained severe bruises about the body.

ESTHER MCFARLAND DIES FRIDAY MORNING

Mrs. Esther McFarland, aged 86 years, formerly of Utica, died at six o'clock Friday morning at the M. & S. sanitarium after six months' illness of Bright's disease.

Funeral services at 10 o'clock Saturday at the Presbyterian church at Utica. Burial in West Bedford cemetery.

Society Notes

Miller-Robinson
Wedding

At 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Foster C. Anderson on North Gay street, Mr. Roger O. Miller of Columbus and Miss Ellen Robinson of this city were united in marriage. They were unattended and the ring service was used.

Mr. Paul Yarnman of the Wooster road went to Columbus this morning to spend several days attending the centenary as a delegate from the Amity Methodist church.

Mrs. Lulu Porter of East Chestnut street went to West Salem today to spend several weeks with Mrs. Walter Anderson.

Mr. Charles Lawman of Washington, D. C., formerly of this city, is a guest of Mrs. Martha Ewing for several days.

BIRTHS

A son was born Thursday evening to Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Decley of East Gambier street.

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